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Mr. Vinay Sharda
Director of Economic Development
City of Markham

Dear Mr. Sharda:

Procedures and Costs of Road Closure/Hostile Vehicle Mitigation - for 2026 Planning

Recently you received a letter from the Unionville BIA requesting prompt consultation on the cost and operational aspects for road closures and Hostile Vehicle Mitigation associated with street events. The BIA requested certainty by February 1, 2026, to support their 2026 budgeting process.

As one of Markham's largest and most active resident associations, the Unionville Residents Association(URA) **strongly supports** the BIA request. The many festivals, parades, concerts and other street events, held both in Unionville and elsewhere in Markham, are among the best features of living in Markham. They are also a major tourist draw and boost the exposure and reputation of our City.

It is important that road closure and Hostile Vehicle Mitigation procedures and costs be kept reasonable, so that these many marvelous street events can continue. Please give this matter your top priority.

Yours truly,

Joska Zerczi

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President, URA

cc.

-Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Deputy Mayor Michael Chan, Councillors Reid McAlpine and Karen Rea
-Andy Taylor, Morgan Jones, Alice Lam, Renee Zhang – City of Markham
-Liam O'Dette, Sonia Chow, Tony Lamanna – UBIA
-Mary Pan – Main Street Markham BIA
-Christie Day
-Linda Briggs

